



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

AGENDA

Meeting of March 10, 1999

9:00 A.M., PUC 1st Floor Hearing Room
242 State Street
Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the February 10, 1999 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

2. Letter to Governor King on behalf of the Commission proposing the nominations of Peter B. Webster, Esq., and the Honorable Harriet P. Henry to fill anticipated vacancies on the Commission in 1999. (Review, consideration of recommended changes, and authorization to submit)

NEW BUSINESS

3. Late Party Committee Campaign Finance Reports:
 - A. Cumberland County Republican Committee; Lyle B. Cramer, Treasurer
Election report due October 27, 1998 -- Received 1/14/99 -- 79 days late
Penalty: \$1,190.53 (Maximum by Statute = \$500.00) (No previous violation)
Recommendation: Mitigate to 50% (\$250.00)
4. Complaints:
 - A. Patricia A. Peard, Esq. vs. Christian Coalition of Maine, the Maine Christian Civic League, "Yes for Equal Rights" PAC, and the "Ad Hoc Committee For Common Sense" PAC -- failure to register as political action committees (PACs) and violation of the reporting requirements by two registered PACs, "Yes For Equal Rights" and the "Ad Hoc Committee For Common Sense."
 - B. Christine Young -- whether the Christian Civic League of Maine and/or the Christian Coalition should be registered as political action committees (PACs) based on the solicitation of contributions and spending of money to influence particular campaigns, initiatives and referenda.
5. Request for advisory opinion on potential conflict of interest by State Senator Bruce W. MacKinnon.



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6. Briefing on legislation introduced to date in the First Regular Session of the 119th Maine Legislature.
7. Executive Session:. Status of lawsuits challenging lobbyist registration fees (*MCOA/MCLU v. Webster, et al.*) the Maine Clean Election Act (*Daggett, et al. v. Webster, et al.*).

ADJOURNMENT